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**EVENT: Super Bowl XL in Detroit**

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**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY THANKS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIPS FOR THEIR EFFORTS DURING SUPER BOWL XL**

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United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy today saluted the law enforcement, health care agencies and corporate security programs that joined in the massive security effort that kept millions of people safe from any terrorist attack during Super Bowl XL in Detroit.

“The Detroit Police Department showed great leadership in partnering with federal, state, local and international agencies,” Murphy said. He cited the FBI, U.S. Coast Guard, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Michigan State Police, the Windsor Police Department, and many other agencies in law enforcement, health care, and the private corporations that worked together to insure the safety of our downtown visitors. “Each agency brings its unique resources and expertise into the equation, and the whole is more than the sum of its parts. The resources poured into this by the good corporate citizens were also a key

to the ultimate success.”

Behind the scenes, bomb-sniffing dogs, intelligence teams, border crossing officials, Coast Guard boats on the river, and officers on the street, among many others, made sure that things ran smoothly and safely, Murphy said.

The planning for this event began many months ago, Murphy said. One of the most important benefits of working together on a major event like the Super Bowl is that the law enforcement community builds relationships and procedures that we can use in the future to make our district safer on a daily basis, Murphy said. We are now better equipped to handle not only the major events, but our routine needs as well, he said.

Our record was not perfect, Murphy said. “We feel deep sorrow for the families of the two homicide victims in Detroit this weekend. And while we recognize that police officers cannot be everywhere at all times, we in the law enforcement community regret that these crimes occurred.”

But the huge crowds, cold weather and international media attention could have spelled disaster for a city that was unprepared, Murphy said. Instead, Detroit rose to the challenge, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the dozens of agencies involved. “After the events of 9-11, many of us wondered whether we could ever again gather in large crowds for public spectacles like the Super Bowl,” Murphy said. “The purpose of terrorism is to create fear to destroy our way of life. The Detroit Police Department and its law enforcement partners in federal, state and local government have restored the freedom from that kind of fear by preventing any major outbreak of crime and from any terrorist acts during the past week.”

With the foundation of cooperation and effective coordination between the public and private sectors that this event secured, there is a great opportunity to sustain and foster excellent working relations among both local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the corporations and foundations that worked so hard to make this a success. “We commit our office’s resources to leveraging these relationships to more effectively protect our district and promote its revitalization,” Murphy said.

“The cooperation and joint effort was historic in its depth, reach, and success,” Murphy said, and he thanked each of the entities involved for its extraordinary efforts. “I look forward to building on this success to make our district safer for all of our citizens and our visitors,” Murphy said.